

HAS RENOUNCED
CHURCH OF ROME

Marquise Des Monstiers Merinville Returns to Old Religion

GIVES THE FACT PUBLICITY

ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The Associated Press has received the following. Before giving it publication its authenticity has been fully verified by cable from Rome:

"Rome, Oct. 30, 1904.—Editors of the Associated Press: You have my full permission to print the enclosed and give it as wide a publication as possible. Yours truly,

"Marquis Des Monstiers.

"Dear Editor: It may interest some of your readers to know that the Marquis Des Monstiers is

ly Miss M. G. Caldwell, who, it will be remembered, founded the Roman Catholic university at Washington some years ago, has entirely repudiated her former creed. In an interview with me the other day she said:

Wanted to Do Something.

"Yes, it is true that I have left the Roman Catholic church. Since I have been living in Europe my eyes have been opened to what that church really is. It is not what I had been taught. But the trouble goes much further back than this. Being naturally religious, my imagination was early caught by the idea of doing something to lift the church from the lowly

position which it occupied in America, so I thought of a university or higher school where its clergy could be educated and, if possible, refined. Of course, in this I was greatly influenced by

Bishop Spalding of Peoria, who represented it to me as one of the greatest works of the day. When I was 21 I turned over to them one-third of my fortune for that purpose. But for years I have been trying to rid myself of the subtle, yet overwhelming influence of a church which pretends not only to the privilege of being "the only true church," but of being alone able to open the gates of heaven to a sorrowful, sinful world. At last my honest Protestant blood has asserted itself and I now forever renounce and cast off "this

Of Kentucky Descent.

"It will be remembered that the Marquise Des Monasters Meriville and her sister, the Baroness von Zeechwitz, are the daughters of the late William S. Caldwell and his wife, who was a Breckinridge of Kentucky. Shortly before his death Mr. Caldwell became a convert to Roman Catholicism, and left a fortune to the church. He was a Catholic in New York, whom his wife had met in church circles. The younger sister married some fifteen years ago a German nobleman, a Lutheran, and has since then also left the Roman

Catholic communion. The elder has been in very bad health for some years, from having to occupy a position before the world as a prominent Roman Catholic which was not a real one and to which her extreme generosity led her when a young and inexperienced girl. Now, at last, her own mind has asserted itself and she returns to the creed of her ancestors."

Inherited \$2,000,000.

Mary Gwendolin Caldwell is the daughter of William Shakespeare Caldwell, who after being a local manager in England, settled in Richmond, Va., and eventually made a large fortune in building gas houses in Chicago, St. Louis, Mobile and other cities. He married Miss Breckinridge, a famous Kentucky beauty. Miss Caldwell and Mr. Caldwell had three children. The youngest, Mary Gwendolin, was born in Newport, where they had a magnificent house, and usually passed part of the winter, when they were not abroad, in New York. On the death of her father, Miss Caldwell inherited \$2,000,000. On Oct. 19, 1896, Miss Caldwell was married to Mr. John H. Caldwell.

to the marquises monsters merlinville, a French nobleman, in St. Joseph's church, avenue Hocue, Paris, by Bishop Spalding of Peoria, Ill., the guardian and administrator of the estate of Miss Caldwell, assisted by Father Cooke.

Prince Got Left.

At the time of her marriage Miss Caldwell was a very handsome woman.

about 35 years old, and a devoted Roman Catholic. She had previously shown her devotion to the church by giving \$300,000 to found the divinity college of the Roman Catholic university in Washington. Some seven years previous to her marriage Miss Caldwell was engaged to Prince Murat, grandson of the king of Naples. The engagement was broken because the prince was too young.

Sister Married German Baron.
Miss Lina Caldwell married Baron von Zeedwitz, who was killed on his yacht Aug. 18, 1896, while taking part in the races of the royal Albert regatta at South Sea, England, as the result of

at South Sea, England, as the result of a collision with Emperor William's yacht Meteor. The baron was struck by the broken mast of his yacht, and was the broken mast of his yacht, and was unconscious when picked up, dying soon after. Baron von Zeedwitz was a brilliant young man, who had held a number of diplomatic appointments, including the secretaryship of the Ger-

man imperial missions at Washington, St. Petersburg, Tokio and Stockholm while in 1888 he was appointed minister of Germany to Mexico. It was while in the United States that he became a convert to yachting and commissioned the Herreshoffs to build him the twenty-rater Isalde, on which he met his death.

Little was known of the Marquis Des Monstiers Merinville at the time of his marriage to Miss Caldwell, with the exception of the fact that he was chronicled in the *Annuaire De Noblesse* as dating his title from 1754, the rank of count having been given his ancestors in 1756.

The divinity college of the Roman Catholic university at Washington

Catholic university in Washington known as the Mary Gwendolin Caldwell hall of divinity.

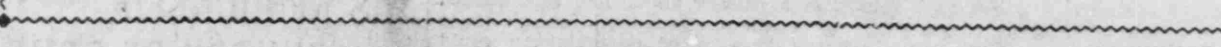
LOATH TO BELIEVE IT.

Comment of Catholic Clergy on Announcement From Rome.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Prominent

Washington tonight expressed their surprise at the announcement from Rome that the Marquis des Monstiers, formerly Miss M. G. Caldwell and the founder of the Catholic university here, had renounced the Catholic faith. In fact, they were loath to believe she had formed such a determination. At the university itself the statement would

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PROJECT WIN

Mind in the Matter.

was taken in the case, and it became an inheritance of Postmaster General

While Postmaster General Payne was yet alive, he wrote Brownlow directing the postmaster general. Brownlow's accounts had been found to be correct.

previously made. An order for his dismissal was signed today.

the demand of Mr. Payne was a reflection upon his honor. Postmaster

PRESIDENT A STAND-PATER

no, decision will be reached as to such action either at a regular or at an extraordinary session of the Fifty-ninth congress

too early yet even to indicate the determination which eventually will

FREIGHT CREW GOT TWO ORDERS

Granger For the Terrible Disaster on the Upper Pacific

HEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 15.—The coroner's jury of Sweetwater

as to the fault lying with the crew of the freight train, as well as the night conductor at Grayson.

ound passenger train No. 3 and east-bound freight, extra 1661, at a point about a mile east of Granger, at 2:45 p. m. It developed also that Miller was not directed against the present government. While the details are not a

the furnishing a wrong order to the conductor and engineer of the said freight train, and to consequences of the

IN POWER TO THE END OF THE WORLD

Association of Railway Commissioners
in his annual address took strong

ment of over 1,000,000 employees could not only perpetuate itself in power but in a few years it could build a monstrous supervisory apparatus. I have sufficient confidence in our government to believe that under proper supervision these combinations

MADE MANY BEQUESTS

North many millions of dollars. His widow is given \$500,000 in cash and valuable real estate. Nearly a million dollars